

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that he is currently eligible to nominate a Congressional Page for the 2009 Fall Session of the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Page Program. Pages have been serving the House of Representatives for nearly two hundred years. Working as a team, Pages assist Members with their legislative duties, deliver correspondence and small packages within the congressional complex, answer phones in the Member cloakrooms, and prepare the House Floor for sessions.

“This is an outstanding opportunity for our young leaders to fully immerse themselves in the legislative process,” Costa said. “House Pages play an integral role in the day-to-day activities of the U.S. House of Representatives, and this program provides them with a unique and valuable learning experience.”

The session begins August 30, 2009 and concludes on January 23, 2010. Interested applicants must be at least sixteen years of age prior to the start of the program, must be a junior in high school, must be a citizen of the United States and must have a 3.0 GPA or higher in their major subjects. While serving the House during the academic year, Pages live in the Page Residence Hall, a few blocks away from the Capitol and attend classes at the House Page School.

Interested students living in the State of California should contact Evan Gramis in Congressman Costa’s Washington D.C. office, at 202-225-3341, to begin the application process. The application deadline is Thursday, July 9, 2009. More information is also available on Congressman Costa’s website at <http://www.house.gov/costa> and at <http://pageprogram.house.gov>